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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.98 the Applicants hereby submit:

(a) the attached list of prior art, which in the reasonable opinion of Applicants may be material to patentability of the claimed invention, within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and/or which has been cited in the Search Report prepared by the European Patent Office in a counterpart application;

(b) a copy of the Search Report, which is attached for the U.S. Examiner to know the first opinion of the European Examiner and the portions of the references found pertinent by the Examiner; and

(c) a copy of the non-U.S. references cited under (a). In accordance with the Official Gazette of August 5, 2003, in which the USPTO waives the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i)

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for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and published application for U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003, the Applicants have not enclosed copies of the cited U.S. patents.

With respect to the foreign patent reference which is not in the English language, it is submitted that:

- no US counterpart has been detected for German reference DE 4309888.

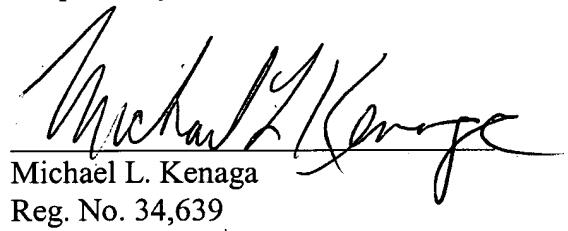
The attached Search Report indicates that the above reference falls under Category A. The Applicants believe that the requirement of a concise explanation of the relevancy of this reference is satisfied by the information set out in the attached Search Report and the information above.

It is believed that none of these references, alone or in proper combination, discloses or suggests the invention claimed by the applicants. The Applicants request that the Examiner review and consider the references and make them references of record.

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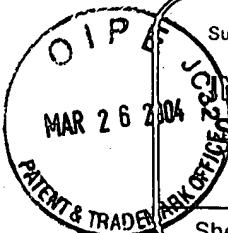
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